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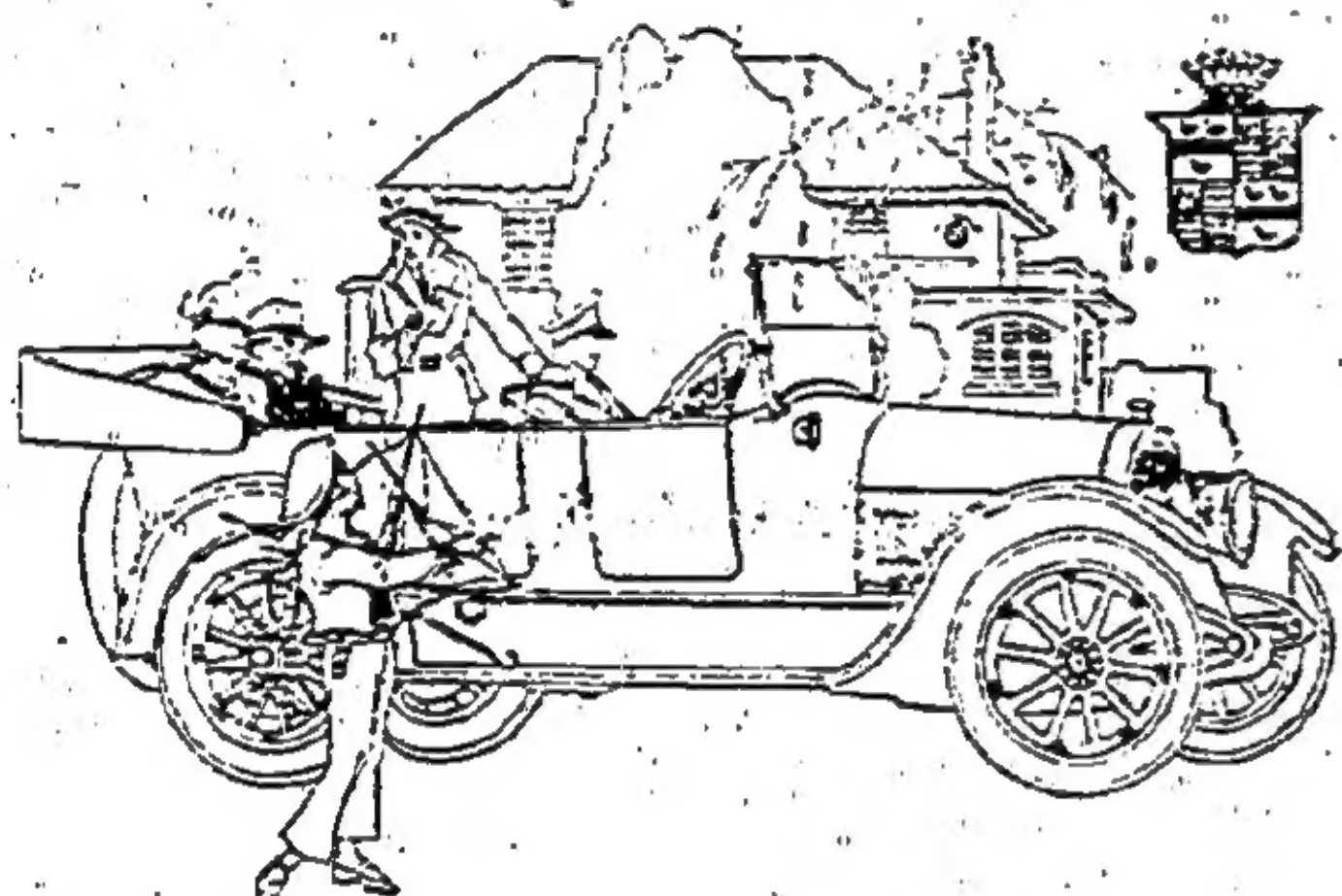
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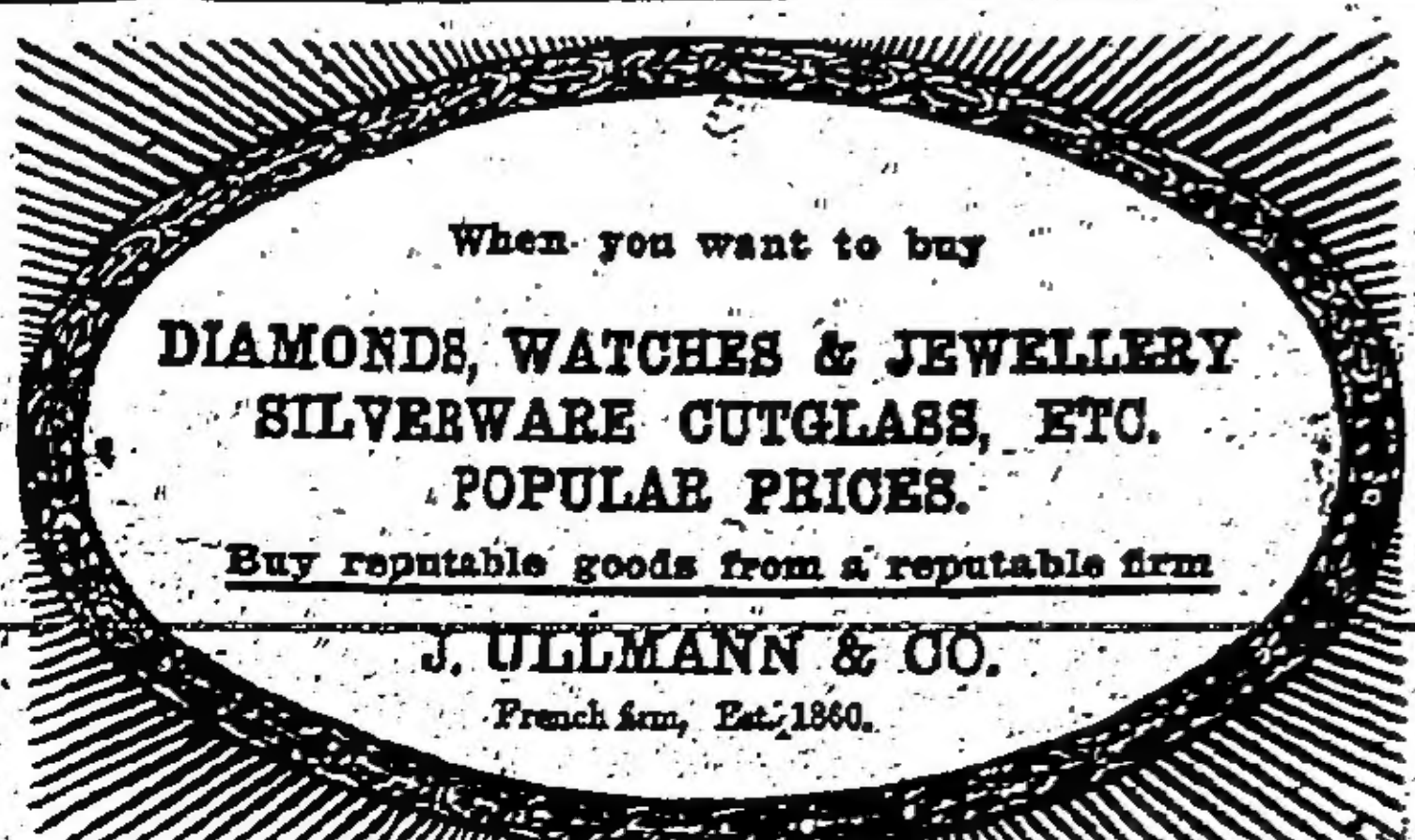
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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PARIS CONFERENCE

ALLEVIATION OF AUSTRIA'S PLIGHT CONSIDERED.

DISARMAMENT DECISION.

PARIS, January 25.

The conference this morning considered proposals as regards financing Austrian trade and rehabilitating the country. It was decided that the Austrian question was intimately bound up in the economic condition of Central Europe. Therefore the question was referred to the ministers of commerce of Britain, France, Italy, and Belgium for inquiry, especially how to stabilize exchange. Military experts have reached complete accord on the question of disarmament.

NO SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

PARIS, January 25.

It is understood that there is no reason to fear a serious divergence in British and French opinion as regards disarmament. The question on which British and French military experts do not agree is simply the extent of the arms still in the possession of Germany in contravention to the Treaty. The principal difference as regards disarmament is that the British believe that this can be made effectual equally safely a few weeks later than the French think. It is believed that the longest period suggested to carry out all measures does not extend beyond June.

EASTERN QUESTIONS.

PARIS, January 25.

The inter-Allied Conference has decided that an Allied conference in which Greek and Turkish representatives shall participate will shortly assemble in London with a view to reaching a settlement of east tern questions.

WHY THE DECISION WAS REACHED.

PARIS, January 25.

The decision to hold the Near East conference in London was reached after taking into consideration recent events in Greece and Turkey, notably Constantine's return, the development of the Kemalist movement, the possibility of a union between the Turkish Nationalists and the Bolsheviks, and the recent Greek military failures in Asia Minor. Lord Curzon mooted the idea and M. Briand eagerly supported it. The conference will probably be held on February 21. The Constantinople Government will be free to consult the Mustafa Kemal Government with a view to the composition of the joint Ottoman delegation.

WORLD'S SHIPBUILDING.

ANNUAL SUMMARY SHOWS SHARP FALL IN PRODUCTION.

JAPAN'S REMARKABLE STRIDES.

LONDON, January 25.

Lloyd's Register has issued its annual summary of the world's mercantile shipbuilding which includes only vessels over 100 tons. It shows that the world's production has fallen sharply from 7,144,000 tons in 1919 to 5,861,000 tons in 1920. The latter figure, however, is still an increase of 2,500,000 tons over 1913, which held the pre-war record. The report discloses the remarkable strides made by Japan, whose total output was 456,642 tons, nearly equalling the whole output a decade before the war. The countries with the largest outputs were the United States, Japan, Holland and Canada, totalling 3,275,595 tons comprising 88 per cent. of the total output abroad. The total tonnage launched in the Dominions in 1920 was 203,644, or 155,000 less than in 1919.

JAPANESE IN CALIFORNIA.

DISCUSSION OF RIGHTS SUCCESSFULLY TERMINATED.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

It is announced here that negotiations between Mr. Shidehara and Mr. Roland Morris regarding the Californian anti-alien land legislation for a definition of the rights of Japanese in the United States have been successfully terminated subject to the approval of their respective governments. Mr. Shidehara has submitted his report to the Foreign Office at Tokyo and Mr. Morris has his ready for the consideration of Mr. Colby who is expected at Washington from South America on January 27.

TRADE DEPRESSION.

INDUSTRIES IN WALES AND AYRSHIRE REVIVE.

LONDON, January 25.

The succession of announcements of works closing down or going on short time has been pleasantly broken by information that some of the Welsh tinplate works are reopening, while the lace factories in Ayrshire which were working on short time for six months have now resumed full running.

Mr. Houlder, presiding at the annual meeting of the Houlder Line, believed that when the present depression was over we might expect some little rebound which would enable business to be resumed and developed with a moderate margin of profit.

MINERS' CONFERENCE.

REMOVAL OF COAL ANOMALIES URGED.

LONDON, January 25.

The International Miners' Conference, now concluded, passed a resolution noting the statement of the German delegates that stocks of 900,000 tons of coal in the Ruhr region and 300,000 tons in Upper Silesia are at present accumulated and could be distributed inland in compliance with the Spa agreement if the transport was available, also noting that there are accumulations of coal in most mining countries and urging that such anomalies should not be allowed to hinder the improvement of transport and the stabilisation of exchange.

COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

Mr. Davis announces that the Communications Conference will be resumed in the near future.

THE DOLLAR.

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THE HASLEWOOD CASE.

OFFICIAL SUPPRESSION OF
OPINION.

As age advances, memory begins to play unexpected tricks. The China Mail was not, as we thought yesterday it was, the first to deal with the bullying of Lieut.-Comdr. Haslewood by the local Government. It was handled, and exceedingly well handled, in the following notes in the Daily Press, to which our attention has just been called.

A few weeks ago, it will be remembered, there was a recrudescence of the agitation against "Chinese slavery." Letters and interviews appeared in the papers, and the question was discussed from many points of view. I was not particularly interested at the time, because most of the arguments were familiar and I knew that the result locally would be nil. I am, however, particularly interested in free discussion, with a fair field and no favour. I do not, and never shall be able to, repose full confidence in those placed in authority over us so long as their guiding principle in government appears to be to quash, by any means at their disposal, any comment or criticism upon any subject likely to cause trouble or difficulty. "Give peace in my department in my time, O Lord," is a prayer which doubtless many conscientious and hard-working officials utter whilst on their way to the office, and it probably goes up to heaven with greater fervency than usual when changes are anticipated and new tasks have to be undertaken. In one sense the aspiration is pious enough. It becomes impious, however, when it predisposes one to shut one's eyes to abuses, or when the suppliant makes up his mind to invoke the powers of the devil in order that his ambition may be gratified at any cost.

The lady who was responsible for the most recent outcry against the Chinese custom of buying and selling children may or may not have been ill-advised. I do not, at the moment, wish to enter into a discussion of the merits or demerits of the case. I do know, however, that she was thoroughly sincere and was willing to spend a considerable amount of her own money to help to sweep away a practice which she regarded as a disgrace to a British Colony. Her arguments might have been met fairly and openly, but were they? Her activities were calculated, it seems, to cause annoyances and disturbances, and I should very much like to know the means adopted to bring them to an end. Later on, my wish may be gratified.

In this case there was no question of an ill-advised discussion in public tending towards the creation of racial animosity. Some of the more enlightened Chinese themselves are not proud of the fact that the conditions under which hundreds of thousands of their own people are forced to live, lead to the bartering of children by their parents. Why, then, should indirect pressure be brought to bear upon anyone who, rightly or wrongly, imagines that good can be done by ventilating the subject? The lady to whom I have referred was not a fanatic; she was merely humane. She knew that improvements could only be brought about by slow processes, and she endeavoured to enlist the sympathies of certain influential members of both Houses of Parliament, hoping, through them, to secure, as a first step, the registration of all "adopted" servants. Now questions in Parliament are generally regarded by permanent officials as quite unnecessary, very unpleasant, and almost impertinent. Was any pressure brought to bear on the lady's husband, who holds an official position, to induce his wife to leave things alone? I have a shrewd suspicion on the point and it makes me very indignant. The thought that such abominable misuses of power sometimes do occur breeds distrust, and that distrust makes impossible the full measure of sympathy between "the man in the street" and the bureaucracy that is essential to the coming of the millennium.

The delicate international situation which was precipitated by the killing by a Japanese soldier in Vladivostok of Chief Engineer Langdon of the U.S.S. "Albatross" has been adjudged, says *Manila Times*, Admiral Gleaves, commanding the Asiatic Fleet, who left Manila for Shanghai aboard the destroyer "Elliott," returned aboard the same vessel without completing the journey.

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ROBERT BURNS.

Foolish men debate as to
whether they have a soul or not.
It misleads. This talk of posses-
ing a soul as one may possess a
gramophone or a wig or a grand-
father clock or a bank account is
most misleading. If the existence
of the soul is to be admitted, it
must be clearly recognized that it
is the soul which possesses the
man, and not the other way round.
Soul possessed this great man who
was born 162 years ago to-day.
He was, as the saying goes, "all
soul." There are people who per-
ceive faults in his character as well
as in his work, but they overlook
the light that led astray.
Was light from Heaven.
For of such a character it is quite
possible, and quite fair to invent,
a line by another poet of a quieter
order, and to declare that "even
his virtues leaned to failing's side."
We may find the same idea in the
teaching of Jesus concerning a
woman who had "loved much."
There are modern triflers with
trifling literature who prate of a
"renaissance of wonder." Stud-
ents of Burns know that this won-
der is a vital element of his poetry.
Wonder is here a name for aware-
ness of life. Numbers of our fel-
low men live, as it were, in a

dream. They walk in their sleep.
Having eyes they see not. Or, to
change our metaphor, they are
castaways upon an ocean of un-
awareness. Until they hit the
shore of some island of awakened
consciousness, of wonder reborn,
they are not truly alive. They are
sleep-walkers. They are automata.
They see as in a glass, darkly.
They have not penetrated the soul,
but are revolving about it as a
moth about a light. That is what
it is to "have a soul," to awake
to light, to see light, and to live in
it. For Robert Burns life was ex-
ceptionally full. He was aware of
everything, from the fieldmouse
and the daisy to the mountains and
to God. He saw all and he felt
all. That is why his poetry, some
of it in dialect unfamiliar, has such
universal appeal. The soul is, it
seems, waiting to possess each one
of us. We imagine it as eager to
have us. Robert Burns calls, and
we see the light as a glow that
attracts us. Some of us make to-
ward it, and miss it. It is not an
occluding light; it is our own ac-
quaintance that cause us to lose sight
of it. Beware of supposing that
his occasional coarseness indicates
that the poet himself, sometimes
turned his back on it. He did not
because he could not. He dwelt
within it. We critics dwell too
much upon Old Testament notions
of what is clean and what unclean,
and we overlook the later and truer
New Testament definition of what
defileth a man. We must
not, as Whitman, another soul-
inhabiting poet, has expressed it,
"quarrel with the tortoise because
it is not something else." Nor is
it, as some critics often suggest,
a case of other times other man-
ners. Humanity may not always
have soul, but eternally the soul
has humanity, and it is one of the
chief charms of Burns that he is
so very human, as well as soulful.
Forget not that our Bible also has
its coarseness, and all the other
giant of literature, like Rabelais

and Shakespeare. Purity is not to
be attained without some sediment-
ary deposit. If Robert Burns the
man had to "quarrel with the tortoise"
we should have lost Robert
Burns the poet. We should have
had instead, in his own words, a
creature who "fed a market, or
strutted in a bank." There are a
plenty of such. We need fear no
death of them. Poets of soul are
fewer. Poets who help the re-
naissance of wonder, which "in
nascent we forget," should not be
stupid or we forget. Our weak
eyes may use smoked glass against
excessive sunlight, but let us not
employ the glass of prudery to
darken the light of soul, which for-
ever attacks our blinded windows
as the dawn we seldom see. After
all, his mirth and fun so fast and
furious as but a little heap beside
the mound of melancholy he so
beautifully expresses for those who
feel it but are inarticulate. It is
not only for Scottish exiles that he
sings, but for all exiles, summon-
ing visions of the beloved familiar
things that crouch in the inter-
stices of remembering most
recesses of his heart. Were not his heart light
he would die of sorrow, like a caged
lark. Robert Burns having once
known with what provoca-
tion, perhaps to placate some chid-
ing friend, praised prudent, cau-
tious, self-control as "wisdom's
root," one of his biographers
alleges that the physician could
not cure himself, moralizes with
offensive cheapness that want of
prudent self-control underlay most
of his sufferings and calamities.
This sort of talk is painful. The
respectable leader of a market is
unable to guess that what may
seem calamities to him may be
triumphs to the soul. If Burns
was a failure, he must be one of
the most triumphantly successful
failures in the whole history of the
development of soul. Unhappy,
dark, fatalistic, the minds that may
not see this, that must measure
genius by its bank balance, and
soul by the cut of the coat that
hides it.
Though this were fair to them
and brave
And this the verdict as they
know it
The sea sights among them
They ken na what's a poet.
If Robert Burns had died in the
workhouse or on the hangman's
scaffold, there would be no occa-
sion for lament so long as he left
the monument he has. His nip-
perkins of booze, his amorous
lapses, his "God" that should be
named in the one breath should
be named in the one breath should
be named as spots upon a sun. Rather
are they the incidents, known to
the gardener but discreetly ignored
by the artist, that must attend the
cultivation of roses. If the Burns
garden bloom with loveliness, why
harsh upon the manure dug into it?
It is possible to be aesthetically
unjust to dung.

How glad we are to read in one
of his own letters that though he
made pretty good progress in men-
suration and surveying, he made
greater progress in the knowledge
of mankind. That, for all his own
compliment to prudent self-control,
is wisdom's real root. In passion
and in suffering the poet must learn
what he teaches in song. To know
himself, to know mankind, are
essentials; we may, as well agree
with Stevenson (since it is visible
in the works of Burns also) that
it may be an additional advantage
to know the Shorter Catechism, or
the things of thought for which
that stood in Scotland. Neverthe-
less,
Some books, are lies frae end to
end.
E'en ministers, they has been
ken'd
In holy rapture,
A rousing hallel at times to read,
And naill't w' scripture.
Here was humour, but not humour
for the sake of it. This humour
was informed with a passion for
truth, and might well have been
designed to work "lest they over-
high and proud should turn," being
so gifted. While man has "the
will and power to make his fellow
mourn," humour and the passion
for truth are needed to hold him
in order, as an antiseptic against
"luxury's contagion, weak and
vile." Occasionally, as in "a
man's a man," he is simple and
direct and homely. The best
of his sermons in rhyme is perhaps
the address "to the ungodly."
How fine, that verse beginning:
Think, when your castigated
pulse
Gies now and then a wallop,
What ragings must his veins
convulse
That still eternal gallop.
What is done we may compute
only in part; of the temptations
resisted we are ignorant.
Turn we for a moment to remark
the artist's betrayed in countless
places in these writings. He was
not bemused with philosophy, pre-
occupied with politics, nor entirely
devoted to fun. He carried the
seeing eye, the appreciative eye,
for beauty in more than female
form. He noted when
The horse was hipped down the
fairs
The lark locks they were chanting
He marked the setting sun, and the
plover wild-whistling on the moor,

the daisy, and the field mouse, out
of doors, as well as he did all the
subtle indications of human nature
indoors, or wherever folk were
gathered together. He is at his
best whenever
rough at the rustic plough
Learning his tuneful trade
and least lovable when aping the
professional poets, as in the sketch
of a character who
loves his own smart shadow in
the streets
Better than e'er the fairest she
he meets.
That is clever enough, but we feel
that it is derivative, that it is not
Burns at home with the soul of
Burns. Yet, as a poet should be,
he is infinitely various, and it would
require a large book, rather than
one essay, to scan the lavish jungle
of the output of the man whose
memory we would honour on this
special day. Of him, as he wrote
of a friend, we may repeat:
Few hearts like his, with virtue
warm'd.
Few heads with knowledge so
inform'd.
If there's another world, he lives
in bliss.
If there is none, he made the
best of this.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Our Robert Burns article was
written to appear yesterday, Burns'
birthday, but was not received in
time.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of Mr. J. S. Smith, to Miss
Annie Bertha Petersen, of Station
Hotel, Kowloon.

A building lot at Pokfulam was
put up to auction on Monday by the
Government and sold to Miss Wallace
for the upset price of \$990. The lot
comprises 16,500 square feet.

The members of the engineering
staff of the Canton-Shanghai Railroad
are now on strike, declaring that
their new superintendent of works
is an incompetent engineer.

There will be a motor road from
the North Gate of Canton to the
district of Tsungia, some 159 miles.
If the proposal of an interested party
to run a motor-car service is realized.

H. E. the Governor is to distri-
bute prizes and medals in connection
with the Hongkong and Kowloon
Poor Boys' Free Schools and Chung
Sing Free Night School at the Tsang
Foo School (Kowloon City) this after-
noon.

Three young foreigners who
had left Shanghai on the "Chikoko
Maru" as stowaways were sent back
to the Chinese port by the "Yawa
Maru" on January 10, says the
"Nagasaki Press." When first dis-
covered they were mistaken for
black men but the colour came off
when they were washed.

The N. C. D. Mail understands
that Mr. Charles R. Crane, the U. S.
Minister to Peking, has donated
\$150,000 to the new project, which
aims at erecting three Y.M.C.A. clubs
in Shanghai. Mr. George A. Finch,
the general secretary of the Y.M.C.A.
in China, has just returned from a
visit to Peking in connection with
the proposed scheme, and it is under-
stood that arrangements are now
under way.

It is understood that the Japan-
ese Government propose to introduce
in the Diet next session a bill to
protect tenants against profiteering
landlords. Unless a landlord can
show good cause before a special
Rents Board, he will be prohibited
from raising house-rents more than
once every 10 years. The landlords
naturally will put up strong opposi-
tion to the bill in the Diet, and hot
debates are anticipated.

While hanging up clothes on the
roof of a house in Sanwafoong yester-
day afternoon, a *mui tai*, aged 11
years, missed her footing and fell in-
to the street below. She was picked
up unconscious by Mr. J. A. Strawbe
and removed to the Tung Wah
Hospital, where an examination showed
that the child had luckily escaped
serious injury and would be fit for
discharge from hospital in the course
of the next couple of days.

Says the Canton Times: The
Minchi News Agency, misunderstanding
the regulations of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
is complaining that Mr. Chan Lin
Pak, the commodore of the bank, is
responsible for the non-acceptance
by this institution of the banknotes
of the Provincial Bank of Kwang-
tung. The Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank it is understood, only accepts
Hongkong currency.

The Cernuschi Museum in Paris,
devoted to the art of the Far East,
is one of the most interesting places
in Paris. It has remained closed
since 1914. Now that it is open
again many new places have been
added. There are some fine examples
of work in basalt of the Tang epoch.
There are statues in iron which
date from the first century. There
is a remarkable collection of figures
in terra-cotta exhumed from Chinese
tombs which are perhaps 2,000 years
old—horses, camels, dancers and
women in wonderful robes.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

A NOTEWORTHY OCCASION.

Yesterday was a big day at St.
Joseph's College, when the annual
distribution of prizes took place. His
Excellency the Governor presented
the awards and prizes to the success-
ful students. There were many parents
and scholars in attendance, and the
occasion was noteworthy in every
respect.
The Governor was accompanied by
H.E. the General Officer Commanding
(Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B.), the
Rev. D. Pozzoni (Roman Catholic
Bishop), Capt. C. S. Fisher, M.C.
(Aide-de-Camp to the G.O.C.), Capt.
McGrath (Aide-de-Camp to the
Governor), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock,
K.C., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak,
Mr. Edwin Ralphs (Inspector of
Schools), and others.
The programme of the afternoon's
exercises began with an entertain-
ment given by the scholars, that was
received with enthusiastic applause.
A feature of the entertainment was
a parliamentary debate, which was
well put on and greatly appreciated.
The programme follows:

- 1.—Overture.—Prof. Gonzales &
Masters A. Gay.
- 2.—Part Song.—"Come Where the
Lilies Bloom."
Masters C. Osmond, E. Vaz, P.
Castillo, R. Rosario, D.
Montalvo and C. Silva.
- 3.—Cello Solo.—(Selected) Prof.
Gonzales.
- 4.—Recitation.—Lord Byron's
"Apostrophe to the Ocean."
Master Carlos Silva.
- 5.—Piano Duet.—(Selected) Masters
M. Silva & E. Carvalho.
- 6.—Violin Solo.—"Carmen"—(V.
Montalvo).
- 7.—Dialogue.—(Parliamentary
Debate—"School Discipline Bill")
Speaker—E. Carvalho.
- 8.—Government: Prime Minister, M.
Fishman; President of the Local
Government Board, E. Castillo;
Secretary to the Local Government
Board, J. Muller; Education Minister,
G. D'Almeida; Mr. Bommer, Hugh
Lim; and Mr. Spatter, A. Muller.
- 9.—Opposition: Mr. Filer, C. Osmond;
D. Montalvo; E. Shuster; Mr. Bommer,
C. Silva; Mr. Smiler, George Fung;
and Mr. Vinegar, M. Silva.
- 10.—Instrumental Trio:
(a) "Serenade"—(Victor Herbert).
(b) "Minuet"—(Franz Beethoven).
Prof. Gonzales, F. Tritsch and Rev.
Father Rignati.

Brother Marcian read the annual
report on behalf of the Rev. Dr.
Aimar, who is away on holiday. He
extended a hearty welcome to the
Governor and visitors, remarking
that their presence was an indication
of the importance attached to the
work of education in which the
School was engaged. It was a
source of great encouragement to
the masters and pupils. It
was highly gratifying to have the
opportunity of bearing public
testimony to the excellence of the
work done in the College, for he was
recording results to which he in no
way contributed personally. St.
Joseph's College had during the year
maintained the reputation it had
already acquired in every sphere of
its activities. The average enrolment
for the year 1920 was 574 and the
average daily attendance 532. In
the Kowloon branch the numbers
were 65 and 56 respectively. The
authorities of the College would like
to see a higher percentage in the
average attendance, and appealed to
parents and guardians to help in this
matter. It was only by constancy
and persistent effort that genuine
and lasting success could be
attained. The Inspector of Schools,
in his report for the year,
said that the College was doing
good work. The discipline was
good. The essays connected with
Empire Day were up to a high
standard. The results in the Public
Examinations at which the boys pre-
sented themselves were as follows:—

Oxford Preliminary: 27 passes, one
with honours. Hongkong University
Junior: 30 passes, seven winning
distinctions. William Graham Law-
son got Distinction in Arithmetic,
History, Geography and Stenography.
Hugh Braga, in English and
Arithmetic, Francis Young, and
Andrew Meslier in French and Rum-
jahn Abdul Rasak, Lee Teck Lee
and Jose Alvarez, in Arithmetic.
Matriculation: 17 passes, Peter N. V.
Bau and Yung Kai Yip obtaining
Honours. Besides these three secured
the Senior Certificate. Three teachers
passed the first year's Examination
of the Technical Institute and two
of the Third Year, Mr. C. Guingam
obtaining Distinction. Good work
had also been done in the Commer-
cial Department. The Boarding
Department continued to give entire
satisfaction. On the athletic field
the pupils, both past and present,
had more than held their own. In
football the present pupils were the
Senior and Intermediate Champions;
a past pupil won the Colony
Championship in sports. The Juniors
held the Championship of the
Hongkong Inter-School Sports. The
College "Boy Scouts" troop had
been revived during the year and
was now thoroughly organised. The
School's best thanks were due to
Lieut. Colonel F. J. Bowen and Capt.
MacGrath for the help they had given

and continued to give in this
work. Thanks were also due to the
devoted Schoolmaster. Success in
examinations and on the
athletic field was but a
small part of the work of a College.
Character formation ought to be the
real aim of all true education; in the
struggle for prizes and scholarships
it must not be lost sight of, or given
a subordinate place. All could not
get prizes or scholarships; in fact
only a small minority could hope to
do so; but every individual boy or
young man had at hand the means
of developing a good character and
such a character will be for him the
most precious equipment for his life's
work. He thanked the College As-
sociation of Past Pupils for the
valuable assistance they had given,
and for their moral support. The
College owed a special debt of thanks
to the benefactors. With regard to
building, the work in connection
with the new class-rooms was pro-
gressing very satisfactorily; but the
bill was also rising. It was hoped
that further donations would
help to clear it off. The
scheme of development included
the building and equipping of a
laboratory and of commercial classes.
All this work would entail further
expense but as it was for the benefit
of the members of the rising genera-
tion, who will soon be called upon to
take their places in the work of the
development of the Colony, the
necessary financial aid no doubt
would not be wanting. He thanked
His Excellency for his kindness in
coming to preside and distribute the
prizes, and the visitors for their pre-
sence. Special thanks were tendered
to all who had contributed to the
Prize and Building Funds.

The Governor, before distributing
the prizes, said he was very pleased
to have the opportunity, after a
year's interval, of seeing St. Joseph's
again and congratulating them on
another addition to their record of
excellent work. One drawback to
appearing at prize-givings of a
College, which always did such
excellent work, was that it was really
impossible to say anything new. A
catalogue of congratulations and
praises repeated year after year must
necessarily become merely a nuisance
to those who heard it. So he must
ask them to take as read what he
said last year and what he had no
doubt his predecessors had said
before that. St. Joseph's was to be
heartily congratulated on its
success. He was glad the Reverend
Brother had drawn attention to
the value of character-
training carried on by St. Joseph's,
because he had been very glad to
see the cordial response given by
the School to the request for the re-
birth of the Boy Scout movement.
He had the honour of being Chief
Scout and Patron for this Colony,
and he accepted the office with
pleasure, because he had seen a great
deal of the Boy Scouts and was con-
vinced that it was one of the most
important instruments of character-
training in the world. He was glad
the School shared his view and had
taken up this movement. He was
glad to see the long list of successes
in the Matriculation examination and
in the future than in the
past. (Applause.)

The Governor then distributed the
prizes.

The list of prize winners was as
follows:
Class 8a: 1 C. Rosario, 2 J. da
Rocha, 3 V. E. Bernardo, 4 L. da
Silva, 5 S. Barros, 6 A. Pereira, 7 J.
Balaros and 8 S. Remedios.
Class 8b: 1 Lee Fat Shing, 2
Wong Yan Chee, 3 Ching Ling Po, 4
Ching Ling Fook, 5 Luk Pak Fan, 6
Ng Pan, 7 Tang Shing and 8 Ng
Kam Cheong.
Class 7a: 1 F. A. Ozorio, 2 Kie
Lin, 3 H. M. Remedios, 4 L. Xavier,
5 Lionel Silva, 6 L. R. Pereira, 7 F.
Franco and 8 A. E. Gutierrez.
Class 7b: 1 Cho Nim, 2 F. Tze
Min, 3 Kwok Kai, 4 Ho Luen, 5 Shi
Yuen, 6 Tze Kai, 7 Wah Sing and 8
Fook Kuen.
Class 6a: 1 Robert Choa, 2 Basil
Fung, 3 Quintina Fung, 4 H. Pinna, 5
A. E. Olivas, 6 C. Silva, 7 H. Noronha
and 8 C. Noronha.
Class 6b: 1 Lam Shiu Wah, 2 Lam
Shiu Chun, 3 Chan Kai Yin, 4 Lam
Tek Seng, 5 Chan Shiu Lum, 6 Lui
Wai Chow, 7 Daniel Lui and 8 Chan
Ge Wing.
Class 5a: 1 George Fung, 2 Bertie
Victor, 3 Carlos Roza, 4 Go Teong
Nam, 5 F. X. Silva, 6 John Braga, 7
Peter Lim and 8 C. Wilkinson.
Class 5b: 1 Chan Wa, 2 Chan Fook,
3 Lam Chun Ip, 4 Young Kin Pau, 5
Luk Hok King, 6 Tsang Tze Ming,
7 Fung Pak Lun and 8 Ho Suk Yee.
Class 4a: 1 Leo da Silva (Old Boys'
Scholarship), 2 Alfred Ribeiro, 3 Peter
Castillo, 4 Carlos de Souza, 5 Carlos
Osmond, 6 Carlos da Silva, 7 Joseph
Pau and 8 Augusto Muller.
Class 4b: 1 K. Lun Yung (Old Boys'
Scholarship), 2 Y. Kwong Low, 3 U.
Keun, 4 K. Yung Ping, 5 Shiu Kuen,
6 J. Delgado, 7 H. Wing Kwan and 8
S. Alaraka.
Class 6 (Kowloon): 1 C. Almada,
2 C. Souza, 3 C. Roza, 4 F. Alves, 5
R. Gomes and 6 J. Remedios.
Class 5 (Kowloon): 1 F. Britto, 2
F. Pinna, 3 R. Wong, 4 C. Wong, 5
W. Wohlers and 6 L. Gomes.
Class 4 (Kowloon): 1 E. Souza
(Old Boys' Scholarship), 2 J. Alves, 3
S. Silva, 4 W. Urquhart, 5 M. Soares
and 6 A. Carvalho.
Preliminary Class: 1 M. Silva
(Lagard Scholarship), 2 Francis Woo,
3 A. M. Xavier, 4 A. G. Gaoan,
5 J. Montalvo, 6 F. Garcia,
7 M. Fishman and 8 Antonio Gay.

COMPANY REPORT.

YANGTSEKPOO COTTON MILL LTD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., General Managers of the Yangtse-
kpo Cotton Mill Ltd., Shanghai,
have announced that the accounts for
the Company's financial year termi-
nated December 31, 1920,
show a nett profit of Sh. Tls.
1,473,214.68, which, with the amount
brought forward from the previous
year, viz.—Sh. Tls. 6,874.47, makes
a total of Sh. Tls. 1,480,089.15. At
a meeting of the Consulting Com-
mittee held last week, it was decided
that the shareholders should be re-
commended to "apportion" this
amount as follows:
To pay dividend on 5,000 Tls.
preference shares at 7
percent 35,000.00
Interim divi-
dend on
200,000 ordi-
nary shares paid
Aug. 12,
1920, at Tls.
1.25 Tls. 250,000.00
To pay final
dividend on
200,000 ordi-
nary shares
at Tls. 3.75
..... Tls. 750,000.00
1,000,000.00
To add to re-
serve fund 250,000.00
To write off
plant and
machinery 55,000.00
To write off buildings
(Brick Tls. 10,600.
Concrete Tls. 20,000.) 30,600.00
To write off furniture 500.00
To add to special repairs
and renewals fund 20,000.00
To pay bonus to staff at
mills 35,000.00
To add to Chinese Super-
annuation Fund 10,000.00
To donate to war fund 10,000.00
To carry forward to new
account 4,589.15
Tls. 1,480,089.15

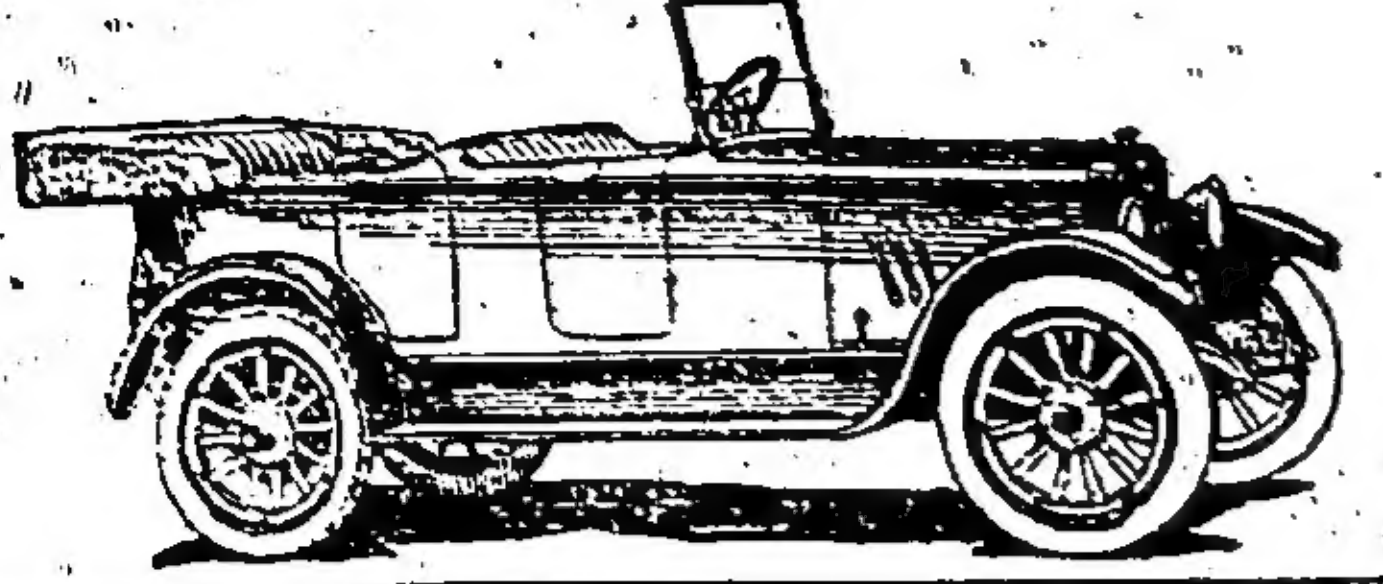
Among the passengers who left
for Home by the P. and O. s.s.
"Plassy" was Mrs. G. E. Morrison,
wife of the late Dr. Morrison, the
one-time celebrated *Times* corre-
spondent and subsequently Adviser to
the Chinese Government. Mrs. Mor-
rison, who has been in Peking for
four months, winding up her affairs, ex-
pects to make her home permanently
in London.
Mr. Justice Bray has given judg-
ment in the King's Bench Division
in the action in which the builders
of an aeroplane, which started for
a flight from Homslow to Australia
but "crashed" at Kingston, claim
under a policy of insurance with the
Union Insurance Society of Canton,
Ltd. The defendants admitted the
policy and the accident, but they
refused to pay on various grounds,
the principal defences being that they
had been misled about the identity
of the machine which they were
insuring, and had never intended to
insure any machine which was taking
part in a race such as the Australian
flight. His Lordship decided in
favour of the defendants.

Class 3b: 1 Luke Tak Yiu (Old
Boys' Scholarship), 2 Chan Kai Man,
3 Marquis Woo, 4 John Tak Chiu, 5
Carlos Rodrigues and 6 Julius Holm.
Class 3c: 1 Hin Kwok (Old Boys'
Scholarship), 2 Him Sau, 3 Yung Lok,
4 Shan Ki, 5 Sik Wing, 6 Shiu Ying,
7 Kam Sing and 8 Sun Ki.
Junior Class: General Proficiency:
Graham William Lawson, (Bro.
Peter's Memorial Scholarship); Eng-
lish: 1st Stephen Concepcion (Junior
Belilus Scholarship), 2nd Hugh Braga
and 3rd Drab. Mistry; Biblical
Knowledge: 1st Hugh Braga and
2nd Carlos da Silva; Mathematics:
1st Burjor Talat, 2nd Jose Alves
and 3rd Hugh Braga; English
History: 1st L. Ribeiro and 2nd Hugh
Braga; Geography: 1st Lee Tek Joe
and 2nd L. Guan Hong; Arithmetic:
1st Hugh Braga and 2nd Jose Alves;
Drawing: 1st Lee Tek Joe and 2nd
Jose Alves; Book-keeping: 1st John
Lui and 2nd Hassan Isbat; Short-
hand: John Lui; French: 1st Francis
Young and 2nd Burjor Talat; Chi-
nese: 1st Lo Kwang and 2nd Ka Mui;
Portuguese: Joseph da Silva.
Senior Class: Religious Knowledge:
P. V. N. Bau (Bishop Pozzoni's
Prize); Biblical Knowledge: Yung
Kai Yip; English: S. H. Garrod
(Senior Belilus Scholarship); English
Literature: 1st P. N. V. Bau (Sir H.
M. Mody's Gold Medal) and 2nd
S. A. Rumbhaji; Mathematics: 1st
Yung Kai Yip and 2nd P. N. V. Bau
and 2nd Mowu-Onn; Chinese: 1st
Yung Kai Yip (Li Shek Pang's Gold
Medal) and 2nd Yee Yuen; History and
Geography: 1st P. N. V. Bau and
2nd S. H. Garrod; Drawing: 1st
P. N. V. Bau and 2nd Yung Kai Yip.
The Navy League. (Hongkong
Branch) Prize for the best essay on
Nelson Day: Hugh Braga.
Physical Exercise: 3rd Class 1st
Carlos da Silva; 1st Class: 1st Peter
Lim Uy Peh and 2nd Francis Woo;
2nd Class: 1st A. Chan Fook-2nd
Arnaldo da Silva and 3rd John Tam
Wing On.

MERCURY MOTOR CAR

CO.

59-61 Des Voeux Road Central, HONGKONG.



COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LTD.

The report of the Board of Directors to the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Office of the Company, on Monday, February 7, 1921, at 11 a.m., is as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1920.

The net profits for the year amount to \$300,569.17, which, with the amount brought forward from last year \$22,576.75 and the recommended transfer of \$50,000 from Investment Fluctuation Account, gives an amount available for dividend of \$373,145.92. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share (\$80,000) has already been paid, leaving a balance of \$293,145.92 available for appropriation, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share.....\$ 80,000.00

To pay a Bonus of 75 cents per share.....60,000.00

To write off book value of steamers and wharves.....40,000.00

To transfer to Equalization of Dividend Fund.....5,000.00

To transfer to Special Repairs Fund.....20,000.00

To transfer to Floating Staff Pension Fund.....62,847.79

To pay a Bonus to Office Staff.....4,074.00

To carry forward to a new Profit and Loss Account.....21,224.13

\$293,145.92

The Hon. Mr. P. Hobson Holyoak was invited to rejoin the Board in place of Mr. W. Sinclair and the appointment requires the confirmation of the Shareholders at this Meeting.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Hon. Mr. P. Hobson Holyoak and Mr. W. E. Clarke retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who being eligible offer themselves for re-election as auditors for 1921.

E. V. D. PARR,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920.

DEBIT.	
To Amount paid for repairs to steamers, wharves and lighter	\$127,387.58
Directors' and Auditors' Fees	9,600.00
Balance available for appropriation	
Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 80,000 shares	\$ 80,000.00
Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 80,000 shares	80,000.00
Bonus of \$0.75 per share on 80,000 shares	60,000.00
Write off book values of steamers and wharves	40,000.00
Transfer to Equalization of Dividend Fund	5,000.00
Transfer to Special Repairs Fund	20,000.00
Transfer to Floating Staff Pension Fund	62,847.79
\$10,000.00 ex 3 2 3 16	62,847.79
Bonus to Office Staff	4,074.00
To be carried forward to New Account	21,224.13
	\$ 373,145.92

\$ 510,133.50

CREDIT.

By Amount brought forward from last Account.....\$ 22,576.75

Net Earnings of Steamers.....343,353.47

Income from Investments.....91,103.28

Transfer Fees.....150.00

Difference between book value and amount realized by sale of lighter "Wolce" and 8 lbs of lighter "Sunlee".....2,950.00

Transfer from Investment Fluctuation Account.....50,000.00

\$ 510,133.50

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital of 80,000 Shares of \$15 each fully paid up.....	\$1,200,000.00
Insurance and Underwriting Account, as per last account.....	427,085.42
Amount added during 1920.....	7,940.00
	435,025.42
Depreciation Fund, as per last account.....	150,000.00
Equalization of Dividend Fund, as per last account	79,000.00
Amount transferred from Profit and Loss account for 1919.....	25,000.00
Investment Fluctuation Account, as per last account.....	95,000.00
Increase 12 months to date.....	\$ 38,702.31
	120,560.65
Less transferred to Profit and Loss account.....	159,262.97
	50,000.00
	109,262.97

Special Repairs Fund, as per last account.....\$ 307.55

Amount transferred from Profit and Loss account for 1919.....20,000.00

Less disbursements to date.....20,000.00

Unclaimed Dividends.....307.55

Sundry Creditors.....2,771.95

Profit and Loss Account.....161,187.12

Less Interim Dividend paid August 1920.....293,145.92

\$2,446,700.93

ASSETS.

Steamers "Honam," "Henngshan," "Sui An," "Sui Tai," and "Kinsan," as per last account.....\$ 766,500.00

Less written off for 1919.....24,000.00

\$742,500.00

Lighters "Sunlee" and "Wolce," as per last account.....1,250.00

Less written off for 1919.....500.00

Less Book value "Wolce" and 8 lbs "Sunlee" sold.....750.00

Wharves and Moorings as per last account.....\$ 152,750.00

Additions during 1920.....560.94

\$ 153,310.94

Less written off for 1919.....15,500.00

\$ 137,810.94

Properties at Canton and Kowloon, as per last account.....\$ 103,021.71

Additions during 1920.....56,250.00

Office Furniture, as per last account.....159,271.71

1,000.00

\$1,041,282.65

Spare Gear and Stores.....41,854.48

Interest accrued to date.....2,465.13

Marine and Fire Insurance Premiums, account 1921, unexpired.....10,311.50

Sundry Debtors.....64,384.64

Investments at Market Value.....122,015.75

Shares and Debentures in Local Companies.....994,721.00

British Government Loans.....175,211.85

Loans on Mortgage.....1,170,932.85

6,000.00

1,176,932.85

Cash at Bankers.....106,469.68

\$2,446,700.93

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

P. H. HOLYOAK,
JOHN JOHNSTONE,
W. E. CLARKE,
Directors.

We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and the returns from the Company's Agencies. We have also verified the Securities representing the investments and in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1920, according to the best of our information and explanations given us, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

A. R. LOWE,
C. BERNARD BROWN,
Chartered Accountants.
Auditors.

Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO. LTD.

The thirty-second report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, February 4, 1921, is as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The Directors now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1920.

The net profits for the year amount to \$15,612.88 which, with \$1,323.28 balance brought forward from last year gives an amount available for dividend of \$17,936.16.

It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$2.90 per share absorbing \$17,400.00 and to carry forward the balance \$536.16 to a new account.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. John Rodger having returned to the Colony resumed his seat on the Board, Mr. G. W. Barton retiring.

Mr. T. F. Hough having resigned on leaving the Colony, the Rev. Father L. Robert has been appointed to fill the vacancy. This appointment now requires confirmation.

Mr. J. Rodger and the Rev. Father L. Robert now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith who now retires and offers himself for re-election.

T. E. PEARCE,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	
Nominal Capital 6,000 Shares at \$50 per share.....	\$ 300,000.00
Issued Capital 6,000 Shares, at \$30.00 per share.....	180,000.00
Accounts Payable.....	1,014.69
Dividends Outstanding.....	1,103.20
Profit and Loss account.....	\$ 1,323.28
Balance from 1919 account.....	16,612.28
Profit for 1920.....	17,936.16
	\$ 200,053.65

\$ 200,053.65

ASSETS.

Cost of Property.....\$ 183,752.95

Cash at call.....10,000.00

Cash in Hand.....508.49

Cash at Bank.....3,507.96

Accounts Receivable.....4,016.45

2,284.25

\$ 200,053.65

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.

To Charges.....\$ 283.50

Advertising.....96.95

Repairs.....4,929.44

Fire Insurance.....442.00

Crown Rent.....786.00

Commission to Agents.....1,733.52

Directors' Fees.....500.00

Auditor's Fees.....50.00

Balance.....16,612.28

\$ 25,433.89

CREDIT.

By Rent.....\$ 25,226.00

Interest.....199.89

Scrap Fees.....8.00

\$ 25,433.89

T. E. PEARCE,
J. RODGER,
Directors.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.
Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

I report that I have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company and that in my opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1920, according to the best of my information and the explanations given me, and as shown by the books of the Company.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

WIRELESS FEAT.

MUSIC PLAYED IN U.S.A.

HEARD IN SCOTLAND.

A second wireless telephone test between U.S.A. and Scotland is stated to have confirmed the success claimed for a first experiment when tunes played on a gramophone in New Jersey are stated to have been distinctly heard in Aberdeen.

When it was first reported that a feat of this kind had been accomplished doubts were expressed in some quarters. Accordingly Mr. G. W. ages were authentic.

Benzie, of Peterculter, and Mr. George Miller, of Mile End Avenue, Aberdeen, arranged a further test with Mr. Harold Robinson of Keyport, New Jersey.

At the hour fixed, Mr. Miller found himself in direct communication with New Jersey, and says that he distinctly heard the gramophone playing the band selections, "The Moon hath raised her lamp above" and "El Capitan" March, and the song "Smile Awhile." Following this came a cheery voice "Hallo, Hallo! I hope you have heard me all right. Good-bye." Aberdeen wireless enthusiasts were confident that the message was authentic.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

WASHINGTON, January 23rd. There was some opposition in the House of Representatives to Mr. J. P. Morgan's offer of his father's house in London as the permanent home of the American Ambassador. Mr. Morgan stated that he would withdraw the offer unless accepted by 4 to 3.

U.S. PROTEST TO MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, January 23rd. It is semi-officially stated that the United States has presented an emphatic Note to Mexico in regard to the alleged "invasion of American petroleum concessions" and requesting immediate investigation and proper adjustment of the matter.

SINN FEIN CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, January 23rd. A party of police and military were ambushed in New Birmingham, Co. Tipperary. The attackers dispersed. The military casualties were 2 killed and 6 wounded.

CHINESE FLOUR "PERIL."

LONDON, January 23rd. The Daily Express gives prominence to what it describes as a "peril" of the Chinese flour, and quotes the statement of a medical man that many of his patients are suffering from gastro-enteritis and dermatitis due to Chinese flour. Referring to the statement of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, in the House of Commons, on November 8th, that the Government was satisfied with the quality of wheat from China, the Daily Express says that Parliament was lobbied off by the denial of actual facts. Strong complaints were made that the flour abounded in weevils and maggots, and 30,000 bags were condemned as unfit for human consumption and disposed of to textile manufacturers.

TO-DAYS ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

WANTED the Lovers of SPORTS to know that the representative of Messrs. ROSE & Co., is staying in Ashai Kwan Hotel, 58, 59, Praya East. Phone No. 3429. Samples of Footballs, Tennis Rackets, etc., can be seen at any time between 1 to 6 P.M.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the undersigned),

TUESDAY,

February 1, 1921, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND TEAKWOOD TWIN BEDSTEADS, BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, CARPETS, etc., comprising:—

Chamberlain Sofas, Arm-chairs (in 2), Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture comprising Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, and Chairs, Washstands, etc., (fumed Teakwood), Sideboards, Glass Fronted Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, etc., Dinner Services, Crockery, and Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Canteen, etc., Bath Room Furniture, Electro-Plated Ware, Electric Reading Lamps, Teakwood Screens, Sundry Blackwood Furniture, Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, etc.

Also Several lots Tennis Balls, One Royal Superb (English made) Bicycle 3 Speed Gear.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue). Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 23, 1921.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE UNDERSIGNED),

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AS ASSORTMENT OF HOUSEHOLD LINENS, &c., comprising:—

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Also A few lots of Bellow Valances and Bath Cases.

Three Pairs Biscuits, etc. (Full Particulars from Catalogue). Terms—Cash.

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Hongkong, January 23, 1921.

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SHANGHAI	SWATOW	Jan. 27, at 4 p.m.	
SWATOW & BANORON	YOKOHAMA	Jan. 28, at 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI & TUNGTAO	YOKOHAMA	Jan. 28, at 4 p.m.	
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	YOKOHAMA	Jan. 28, at 10 a.m.	
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Empress of Russia Apr. 23 May 18

Empress of Japan May 17 June 7

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Monteagle June 14 July 5

Empress of Russia June 23 July 11

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Hongkong, April 1, 1912.

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FROM HONGKONG.

Jan. 27—R. F. Agamemnon.

31—R. F. Anchises.

Feb. 7—R. F. Knight Templar.

28—R. F. Teiresias.

31—R. F. Kentaur.

Mar. 7—R. F. Helios.

14—R. F. Telamon.

FROM JAPAN.

Feb. 4—P. & O. Delta.

5—R. F. Ixion.

11—R. F. Takada.

18—R. F. Japan.

14—P. & O. Raposa.

18—P. & O. Khiva.

21—R. F. Mentor.

21—R. F. Lyceon.

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"DUNERA"	5,400	18th Feb.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"LAHORE" (Cargo)	5,400	18th Feb.	Do.
"KASHGAR"	8,000	4th Mar.	MANILA, LONDON & A'warp.
"DILWARA"	5,400	4th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"ALPORA"	5,400	14th Mar.	Do.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"TAKADA"	7,000	18th Feb.	Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"KANOWNA"	7,000	18th Feb.	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	18th Mar.	Do.

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"JAPAN"	6,000	29th Jan. at 8 a.m.	Amoy, Shanghai and Kobe.
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CURE FOR LEPROSY.

LONDON, January 23rd.
Sir Leonard Rogers, who has returned from Calcutta after twenty-seven years in the Indian Medical Service, has reported that he has discovered a system of treatment for destroying leprosy bacilli in human tissues. It is stated that he has got nearer to the remedy than any other British scientist.

Interviewed, Sir Leonard Rogers gave instances of the results of his system. One leper recovered his sight, another gained his sense of touch, and yet another who could not walk three hundred yards now walked ten miles. He declared that he followed up the experiments of the American Heiler in the Philippine Islands, who injected chaulmoogra oil. Sir Leonard Rogers subsequently obtained a soluble sodium salt of unsaturated fatty acids forming the bulk of this oil and injected it. Reactions occurred, destroying the leprosy bacilli. Sir Leonard concluded that it was not yet possible to say that he had found a permanent cure, but there were good grounds for hoping that a real cure will be obtained.

NATIONALISATION OF MINES.

LONDON, January 23rd.
The reports read at the Congress of the Miners International Federation in London showed that trade depression is universal and short time is being worked in most countries. Stocks of coal are accumulating.

The conference unanimously accepted a resolution passed by French and Belgian organisations, supported by the German organisation, calling on workers to redouble their activities in favour of the nationalisation of mines.

DUTCH AIR SERVICE.

LONDON, January 23rd.
The new Dutch air service, which begins on April 1st, will cater for passengers and goods traffic. It involves a regular service from Amsterdam and Rotterdam to Brussels, Paris and London, also from Amsterdam to Bremen and Hamburg, also from Hamburg to Copenhagen.

DISTRESS IN INDIA.

LONDON, January 23rd.
It is officially reported from India that distress is increasing in the Central Provinces and the Bombay Presidency where there are now 93,398 persons on relief work.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

NEW YORK, January 23rd.
A fire has wiped out three blocks of the business section of the town of Athens in Georgia. The loss is estimated at four million dollars. The origin of the fire is not known.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

NEW YORK, January 23rd.
In the world's heavy-weight wrestling championship Lewis, nicknamed "Strangler," defeated Earl Craddock in the 14th round, showing him with a combined headlock and hip-lock. The brutality of the headlock, which is somewhat similar to the old stranglehold, incensed the spectators, and when Craddock became unconscious the cry of "Kill the Murderer" was raised and a concerted rush was made towards the ring. The Master of Ceremonies prevented the crowd from attacking Lewis.

It is announced that "Joe" Stecher, the former heavy-weight champion who was recently defeated by Lewis for the championship, is suffering from partial paralysis and will be unable to wrestle for another twelve months as a result of the headlock applied by Lewis.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, January 20, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 5th prox, or they will not be recognized.

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WELSH BY-ELECTION.

THREE CANDIDATES POSSIBLE.

LONDON, January 25.

The Cardiganshire Liberal Association has selected Mr. Llewelyn Williams by 206 votes against 127 for Mr. Evans. The latter previously declared that he would seek election whatever the Association's decision, while it is probable that a third candidate will be Sir Lewis Loveden-Pryse as Liberal anti-waste candidate.

[A London message dated January 1 stated:—The single by-election created by the Honours List promises to be exciting, as a straight fight is anticipated between a Coalition-Liberal and an Independent Liberal in a typical Welsh constituency so far represented by Mr. Vaughan Davies. It is expected that Mr. Evans, one of the Prime Minister's private secretaries, will be the Coalitionist, and he will probably be opposed by Mr. Llewelyn Williams, ex-member of Parliament for Carmarthen. Both are Welsh orators. The election may decide the fate of Welsh Liberalism, which has already split.]

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED.

BOMBAY, January 25.

The stock exchange and the cotton and bullion markets are closed. There is general suspension of business. Following a fight between European and Hindu boys in consequence of the former killing two pigeons feeding on the road, the police took charge of the boys but were followed by a crowd demanding the release of the Hindus, whereupon the police charged, injuring several persons. Seventeen arrests were made.

NEW ULSTER PARLIAMENT.

SIR EDWARD CARSON DECLINES UNIONIST PARTY LEADERSHIP.

LONDON, January 25.

Notwithstanding the appeals of an influential deputation of Ulster supporters, Sir Edward Carson has declined to accept the leadership of the Unionist Party in the New Ulster Parliament owing to the strain on his health but he has agreed to retain the chairmanship of the Ulster Unionists in the Imperial Parliament. Sir James Craig, M. P., will probably be invited to accept the leadership.

PACIFIC FREIGHT RATES.

AN AMERICAN ALTERATION TO MEET FOREIGN COMPETITION.

PORTLAND, OREGON, January 25.

The Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific Steamship Company announces the decision of the trans-Pacific lines to make rates between the Far East and New York, to New Orleans via the Pacific coast ports and the Panama Canal, the same as via Suez in order to meet foreign shipping competition.

FUNERAL OF LATE STRAITS ATTORNEY-GENERAL

LONDON, January 25.

The congregation at the funeral of Sir Gerald Goodman, late Attorney General of the Straits Settlements, at Bath Abbey, included Sir Edward Brockman, former Chief Secretary, F.M.S., Sir Arthur Young, former Governor of the Straits Settlements, also Mr. Elliott representing the Singapore Bar, Mr. Murray-Johnson representing the Association of British Malaya, Mr. Goodman of the Malay States Civil Service, Mr. Sydney Helps from the P.W.D. Straits Settlements, and Professor D'Albuquerque.

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TRAINING TIMES.

SOME GOOD GALLOPS.

A pleasant morning attracted quite a crowd to the Race Course to-day to see the ponies put through their paces. Some good gallops were witnessed. Most of the ponies were still kept on the sand course, as the grass course, which has already been open for galloping, is a little on the hard side at present. The Shanghai Horse Bazaar subscription griffins this year are of a much lower standard than usual, and several have been discarded in order to save stable expenses. Of the Larsen Subs. many are giving satisfaction to their owners. Especially is this the case with Repulse Bay Chief, who is sure to give a good account of himself at the meeting. Owing to the health of his trainer (Mr. Currier), Sir Paul Chater is not training his ponies in the early morning, but is putting them through their paces later in the day. This explains the absence of any mention of the Dahlias in the times recorded below.

Following are the times taken this morning. They are given in minutes, seconds and fifths of seconds for each quarter of the distance covered by the ponies.

3 MILE.

*Alied King, 35, 1.11.3, 1.44, last

quarter 32.2.

St. Anthony, 37, 1.13, 1.48, last

quarter 35.

Mountain King, 38.3, 1.15.3, 1.46.2,

last quarter 30.4.

*Leo Tart, 34, 1.06, 1.39.4, last

quarter 33.4.

*Evergreen and Shooting Star, 40,

1.15, 1.47.3, last quarter, 32.3.

Javelin, 38, 1.15, 1.46, last quarter,

31.

Field Child, 42.1, 1.21, 1.53.4, last

quarter 32.4.

Port's Derby, 35, 1.10.2, 1.44.1, last

quarter 32.4.

Port's Bay Derby, 35, 1.11.1, 1.44,

last quarter 32.4.

*Repulse Bay Chief, 33, 1.06.4,

1.37.1, last quarter 30.2.

Water Light and Saversnake, 38.2,

1.18, 1.50, last quarter 32.

Dolphin, 36.2, 1.15, 1.44.2, last

quarter 29.2.

Jazz King, 35, 1.12, 1.46, last quarter

34.

*Pawshop, 45, 1.25.2, 1.56.2, last

quarter 31.

Jock, 36, 1.11.3, 1.46.2, last quarter

34.4.

ONE MILE.

*Don Carlos, 42, 1.18.3, 1.55,

2.26.4, last quarter 31.4.

Harlequin, 37, 1.14, 1.48.3, 2.19,

last quarter 30.2.

*Fighting King, 33, 1.07.2, 1.43,

2.13.3, last quarter 30.3.

*Specular Mouse, 39, 1.15, 1.51,

2.22, last quarter 31.

Jogglebury Crowdy and Coat of Arms,

34.3, 1.11, 1.47, 2.20, last

quarter 33.

Taipo Chief, 37, 1.16, 1.52.3,

2.33.2, last quarter 30.4.

*Spotted Sand, 38, 1.16, 1.54, 2.25,

last quarter 31.

Invincible King, 40, 1.16, 1.51,

2.22, last quarter 31.

Don Ferno, 35, 1.10.2, 1.47, 2.19,

last quarter 32.

Siamese Cat, 40, 1.19, 1.54.3,

2.26.2, last quarter 31.4.

Spyrie, 37, 1.14.3, 1.51, 2.24, last

quarter 33.

Mountain Mist and Mountain Stream,

1.16, 1.49.3, 2.24, last

quarter 34.2.

Moorland King, 36, 1.12.1, 1.47.3,

2.20.2, last quarter 32.4.

*Ankle Deep, 35, 1.10, 1.45, 2.17,

last quarter 32.

Forest Child, 43, 1.22.1, 1.56.2,

2.26.3, last quarter 30.1.

Black Friar and Grey Friar, 41.3,

1.20, 1.56, 2.31.2, last quarter

35.2.

Mighty King, 42.1, 1.25.3, 2.07,

2.42, last quarter 35.

Sir Newton and Joy Bell, 43, 1.23.3,

2.01.2, 2.34, last quarter.

*Dandy Child and Valley Child, 35.3,

1.11.2, 1.46.2, 2.18, last quarter

31.3.

Brutus, 33, 1.07.3, 1.42, 2.12, last

quarter 30.

Aspirin, 39, 1.18, 1.56.3, 2.30, last

quarter 33.2.

*Don Pedro and Don Juan, 37.2,

1.15.2, 1.53.1, 2.26, last quarter,

32.4.

Theriacin, 36, 1.12.3, 1.50, 2.25,

last quarter 31.

1 1/2 MILES.

Hatton and Dunleagas, 42, 1.19.1,

2.00, 2.38, 3.16, last quarter

32.

Bolshevik, 44, 1.16, 1.54, 2.35,

3.08, last quarter 33.

Adventurer and Mischiefous Doleful,

37, 1.13, 1.49.2, 2.26, 2.58.2,

last quarter 32.2.

Pure Silver, 46, 1.25, 2.05, —,

3.12.3.

Twinkle Toes, 43, 1.20, 2.01, 2.40,

3.12.3, last quarter 31.3.

1 1/2 MILES.

The Renown, 46, 1.30, 2.10, 2.47,

3.27, 4.06.1, 4.38.1, last quarter

32.

* Outside grass track.

FAMINE RELIEF.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN.

PEKING, Jan. 22.

An intensive famine fund drive throughout the country was initiated by influential Chinese and foreign leaders, including several Cabinet members, at a luncheon given by Dr. Yen, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The campaign will be held late in February extending over one week, and it is hoped that it will be nation wide. It is strongly recommended that the campaign be carried on under the auspices of the various international famine relief societies. Tientsin delegates present at the meeting indicated that their society undoubtedly would unite in the effort. The Chief Secretary stated that President Hsu would loyally support the campaign. A strong committee of management has been appointed at Peking. The committee will co-operate with all other societies promoting the national campaign.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

WILKIE—NEAVE.

PRETTY KOWLOON CEREMONY.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a very pretty wedding this afternoon when the Rev. G. R. Lindsay married Mr. Percival William Aldred Wilkie of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, to Miss Lilian Neave.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. Thomas Neave, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., was attended by Miss Florence Neave as bridesmaid, and Misses Mary Davison and Mary Ratney as flower girls. Mr. W. R. Farmer, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, also performed the duties of best man.

The bride looked charming in white charmeuse draped and trimmed with orange blossom. She wore also a long train from the shoulders, of lace bordered all round with a fold of charmeuse, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums, Arum lilies, and maiden hair fern. A pretty dress of geranium net over white satin with hat to match was worn by the bridesmaid who carried a bouquet of sweet peas and maiden hair fern. The flower girls were prettily dressed in white net with flower waist bands and wore wreaths of flowers round their heads. They also carried dainty baskets with sweet peas and maiden hair ferns. The bride's mother wore a becoming dress of prime coloured charmeuse embroidered in steel, and carried a bouquet of roses.

After the church ceremony, which was rendered the more beautiful by music rendered at the organ by Mr. T. Martin, a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel at which the customary toasts were honoured by a large gathering of friends.

The honeymoon is being spent at Macao and Canton. The bride's going away dress was of heavy blue charmeuse with black velvet hat.

The presents, which were both numerous and valuable, included the following:—Bride to bridegroom, gold wristlet watch; bridegroom to bride, diamond and platinum brooch; bridegroom to bridesmaid, diamond and pearl ring, and bridegroom to flower girls, gold curb chain bracelets.

BOYD—SHIRES.

CATHEDRAL WEDDING.

Another pretty wedding was solemnised this afternoon when Mr. James Boyd, of the Chartered Bank, was married to Miss Mabel Shires at St. John's Cathedral by the Rev. V. E. Copley Moyle.

The bride, who wore a becoming cream costume and georgette hat was given away by Mr. J. L. Crockett and had as bridesmaid Miss Alys Crockett, while the bridegroom had for best man Mr. W. J. Morrison.

After the ceremony at the Cathedral a reception was held at Charter House where friends of the happy couple assembled to honour the usual toasts.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

The Right Rev. Bishop D. Pozzoli, left to-day for Waihow on a pastoral visit and will return after the Chinese New Year.

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STAY OF EXECUTION REFUSED.

[China Mail Special.]

Furbush applied for a stay of execution of his sentence but was overruled.

THEATRE ROYAL.

DENNISTON PLAYERS.

"THE EYES OF YOUTH."

One thing was conspicuous at the performance last night of "The Eyes of Youth" at the Theatre Royal by the Denniston Players—and this was that the audience liked it so well that it stayed behind at the end of the show to give Miss Wanda Howard and the others of the company a generous number of curtain calls. And Hongkong audiences seldom do that. Usually they are hurrying down the stairs and out the door about thirty seconds after the curtain starts to fall, headed for home.

But Miss Howard and the other excellent members of the company deserved it. And above all, the play deserved it. "The Eyes of Youth" is a good play. It shows the employment of brains in its construction, and that is something, these days. It requires a large cast and frequent changes of scenery, and is altogether a heavy undertaking for a travelling company. All the more credit to the Denniston Players for shouldering the task.

The story has to do with the affairs of Gima Ashling, played by Miss Howard, at a time when she is confronted with the momentous problem of deciding what her future shall be. Her father had been unfortunate in business before his death, and the family income is dwindling. She is the possessor of a remarkable voice; she has also three suitors, each of whom is

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She sees herself as she would be if she follows the advice of the suitor who urges her to remain at home and follow the path of duty, as he conceives it—a tired, unhappy school teacher, bereft of her voice and her beauty, and forsaken by her lover for her younger sister.

She sees herself also as she would be if she accepted the offer of an operatic career—deceived by the smooth promises of the impresario and led into a sordid, dissolute life, which terminates in the shooting of her betrayer by her young brother.

Finally, she sees herself as she would be if she married the man of wealth, dragged into the divorce

court and branded as an immoral woman, through the medium of a framed-up story, when he becomes tired of her.

And she sees herself also, a poor, broken victim of the drug habit as a result—regretted, at the moment when life is darkest by the one honest suitor who had only loved to give.

It is not hard then for her to come to a decision, to dismiss the operatic manager, the suitor who wooed her wealth—and to choose the man who had promised her only his love and loyalty.

Miss Howard, in the big part, showed a remarkable versatility, and convincing dramatic powers, at times reaching splendid heights. In particular, her scene as the opera singer, in her dressing room at the opera, in Paris, was given with a gripping intensity that was notable. This scene also made heavy demands on Mr. David Belbridge, who played the part of her brother, Kenneth Ashling—demands which he met most adequately. Mr. W. D. Howard as the Indian Yogi was another who scored in his part. His excellent delivery and expressive voice added much to the play. The other members of the company were consistent to good.

To-night the Denniston Players will present a farce, "Nightie Night."

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WAR IN IRELAND.

GENERAL STRICKLAND DEFENDS OFFICIAL REPRISALS.

DEPLORABLE BUT SALUTARY.

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY ORGANISATION BEING BROKEN UP.

LONDON, January 25.

General Strickland, interviewed in Cork, defended official reprisals. He admitted they were deplorable and were disliked by soldiers but their effects were salutary. He said that houses were only destroyed when the occupants were known to sympathise with the organisers of ambushes or refused information. He believed that reprisals strengthened the hands of people unwilling to participate in but helpless to prevent ambushes. He expressed the opinion that the organisation of the Irish Republican Army was being broken up, its communications smashed, and local bodies dealt with in detail. As evidence of that he pointed out that nothing had been accomplished by recent attacks on barracks, the assailants having always been easily repulsed. He concluded by declaring that courts martial were absolutely fair. A special corps of trained court martial officers was being established.

HOW DE VALERA RETURNED.

PHILADELPHIA, January 26.

The actual method of De Valera's return from America is probably explained by a story in the newspapers declaring that the captain of a cargo boat just returned from England identified De Valera's photo as that of a stoker on the last voyage to England who deserted on December 10 while the ship was in harbour at London.

STERLING ADVANCES.

REACHES HIGHEST RATE FOR SIX MONTHS.

New York, January 25.

Sterling reached \$3.82½, the highest for six months.

NAVAL HOLIDAY QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

The Senate has adopted the resolution introduced by Senator Borah asking the Senate naval committee for information whether it is advisable or feasible to suspend American naval building for six months.

COLONIAL OFFICE CHANGE.

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED.

LONDON, January 25.

Reuter learns that Lord Milner and Mr. Winston Churchill today informally discussed preliminary arrangements in consequence of the latter's impending appointment as Colonial Secretary. The formal handing over of the seals of office, which will be attended with some ceremony, necessitates the presence of the King. Lord Milner will relinquish, as soon as His Majesty's attendance can be secured. It is understood that Lord Milner intends going abroad as soon as possible. The War Office to-day did not confirm Mr. Churchill's reported visit to Mesopotamia and says that he is not likely to formulate plans until his appointment has received royal assent.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	For	Time
Shanghai	Wednesday, January 26.	Ningpo
Japan	Friday, January 28.	Kobe
EUROPE via Suez (Letters only London 23rd Dec.)	Sunday, January 30.	Glasgow
Straits and Calcutta	Monday, January 31.	Bombay Maru
Straits		Dussara

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	For	Time
Samahai and Wuchow	Wednesday, January 26.	4.30 p.m.
Chefoo and "Dairen"		5 p.m.
Shanghai and "North China"		5 p.m.
Philippine Islands		5 p.m.
Bangkok	Thursday, January 27.	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, and "Tientsin"		9 a.m.
Shanghai and "North China"		10 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

CRIMINAL SESSION.

CARGO PILFERING.

HOLTS WHARF CASE.

Trial of the defendants in the Holts Wharf Cargo Pilfering case began this morning at the Criminal Session, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Gompertz. The defendants are Ma Yun Lun, Lai Lai, and Li Ming. The case of the first named was heard, and he was sentenced to three years. Trial of the other two defendants was postponed until to-morrow morning.

Defendant was charged on three counts: larceny, in that about December 28, last year, he stole four cases of piece goods and three bales of blankets, the property of the Ocean Steamship Co., Ltd., larceny from a wharf; and falsification of accounts, in that he altered or concurred in altering certain material particulars in a check-book of cargo on board the steamer "Rhesus," to make it appear that the cases of piece goods and bales of blankets had not been landed from the "Rhesus."

Mr. Wakeman, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted; the Hon. Mr. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. Hall, appeared for the defendant.

When the charges were read to the defendant, he pleaded not guilty to all three counts. A jury was selected. Mr. Alabaster explained that it was his understanding the defendant intended to plead guilty to the first count, that he evidently had not comprehended what had been read to him.

His Lordship directed that the defendant be asked what was his intention. The defendant then said he would plead guilty to the first count. The Crown accepted the plea.

The defendant, in a brief statement, said that Lai had come into the godown and asked him to do what he suggested.

Mr. Alabaster, in his behalf, addressed the Court. He said defendant was a mere boy. He had been at work in the godown only a few months, therefore he was the sort of boy who would be the prey of others. He had made a clean breast of the matter from the first. He asked his Lordship to take into consideration

that defendant was young, that he pleaded guilty, and had admitted his guilt from the first. He therefore asked his Lordship to deal with him as leniently as possible.

Mr. Wakeman said defendant was entrusted with the check-book and in a position of great trust and responsibility. As his Lordship was aware, there had been a good deal of cargo pilfering, and it was necessary to put a stop to it.

His Lordship: Defendant had an important function, in charge of goods. Up to the present time the Chinese who performed these functions have been, in almost every case, very honest and very trustworthy. The maximum penalty provided by the ordinance is only three years.

Owing to the absence of Counsel for the other defendants, the case against them was adjourned until to-morrow.

EASY MONEY.

AND HARD LABOUR.

CONFIDENCE MAN SENTENCED.

Greed made an apprentice accountant to a grocery shop an easy victim to a confidence man whom he met near the old Harbour Office on January 11 while on his way to pay an account for \$216 for his master. Promised \$100 for his trouble, the youth readily agreed to change a roll of notes, supposed to amount to over \$1,000, which the man said he had picked up. In exchange for the notes, which were seemingly placed in an envelope and wrapped up in a handkerchief, the youth handed the man his master's \$216 to hold as security until he returned from the money-changer with the desired change. At the money-changer's the envelope was found to contain the usual worthless paper.

Yesterday afternoon, happening to meet the trickster when coming out of a tea house, the youth gave chase and had him arrested by a Chinese constable.

After hearing the evidence this morning, including the testimony of Inspector Moore who stated that two envelopes containing waste paper were found on the accused's person

COOLIE TRAFFIC.

LOCAL SLAVE TRAFFIC
DENIED.

INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

We do not happen to know the conditions in which Chinese coolie labour works in Sumatra, but from what we have seen personally of the rubber and coffee plantations there, we have no reason to think that a coolie going there from China is necessarily exchanging his lot for a worse one. Nor are we acquainted with all the reasons that moved the Canton government, according to the Canton Times, to impose such conditions on the recruiting of labour that the Deli Planters Association has felt obliged to remove its China headquarters from Swatow to Hongkong.

It was certain that in this commonplace looking incident we could find no excuse for our Canton contemporary's hectic headline, "Will Slave Trade be Allowed in Hongkong?" To ascertain what it was all about, we interviewed Mr. M. Van Ikeren, the head of the immigration department of the Vereeniging named, who is at the Hongkong Hotel.

He said that there was absolutely no basis for any suggestion that the employment of coolie labour in Sumatra amounted to slave trade, and went on to explain the conditions under which such labour is engaged.

The Deli Planters Association, he said, is an association of tobacco growers, representing 84 estates, all of them in Deli, on the East Coast of Sumatra. Until recently it included a large British firm, the United Lankat Plantation Company. This firm has been sold to a Dutch Company. Labour is obtained from Java and South China. About 10,000 to 12,000 workers a year come from South China.

Since 1888, the office of the association for recruiting labour in South China has been situated in Swatow, and until the war was in charge of German agents. With the coming of the war, the association took over the task itself. Within the last few years the Canton authorities have been trying to impose various restrictions on the association which it refused to accept. For one thing, they wanted the association to prohibit gambling in Sumatra. The association took the position that the Canton authorities had no more right to try to enforce a prohibition of gambling in Sumatra than in Hongkong. They tried also to impose their own system of labour inspection on the plantations in Sumatra. The association held it was sufficient that the plantations were under the labour inspection of the Dutch Government, which was more severe than Chinese inspection was likely to be. The Canton authorities therefore said they would direct the operations of the association. The upshot of the controversy was that the association moved its Swatow office to Hongkong.

Mr. Van Ikeren said that full information concerning the association and the conditions of labour on the plantations had been laid before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs of the Colony, who certainly would not give his consent to the traffic if he had not been satisfied that it was conducted in a proper way. In Sumatra, the coolies are under the direct inspection of the labour department of the Dutch Government. Free treatment is provided for any who are ill. The term of work for which they are engaged is for the raising of one crop. On arrival they are given ground and seedlings. They plant, cultivate, and harvest the crop, being paid for every thousand plants. From the time they arrive until the crop is harvested is less than a year, unless they happen to arrive after all the land is allotted, in which case they have to wait a few months until land is available. It is made compulsory by the Dutch Government that the coolies shall be returned home when the crop is completed, unless they prefer to stay.

"It is our interest to pay the coolies well and make them feel at home," said Mr. Van Ikeren. "They then go back to their villages and bring their friends and relatives. We pay the expenses of bringing their families. We find also that the better we pay, the better the class of workers we get. It is impossible for the coolies to be stopped from going by the Canton authorities, because the coolies themselves want to go, and come here for that purpose. All the coolies shipped from Hongkong are passed by the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs."

The coolies on the plantations manage to save a good deal of money out of their wages, according to Mr. Van Ikeren. The association encourages them, by remitting their money to their homes at a cheap rate. Since 1888, he said, they had remitted to their homes 6,417,364.76 guilders. This was by no means all they had saved, as they took most of it home with them in their pockets.

When he was searched, the Magistrate passed sentence of six months' hard labour. The accused had a previous conviction for a similar offence seven years ago.

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SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S ASSOCIATION MEETING.

In the Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion yesterday afternoon, the first annual general meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. A. Nisbet. The meeting was well attended by the representatives of the various affiliated clubs.

The rules of the Association and the balance sheet were unanimously passed by the meeting, the latter showing a balance of \$205.05. The officers of the Association, who served last year, were re-elected for another year.

In connection with the Tennis League it was announced that the League would in future be controlled by the Association. Reference was made to the present rule which debarred a man, who had played twice for the "A" Division, from entering "B" Division.

Mr. Penman thought the rule was too strict.

Dr. Woodman said the object of the rule was to prevent Clubs from "padding" "B" Division with a view to winning the shield.

After further discussion it was decided to defer the question until the next meeting.

The Chairman announced that an invitation would be extended to the members of the Davis Cup Team to play in Hongkong. This team has been playing in Australia and are returning to America by way of the Far East. They will play at Shanghai, Singapore and Manila en route.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

Playing at the Palace Hotel last night, Sergt. Allen, (100) beat J. Griffin (50) 250-189. The best breaks were—Allen, 27, 23, 18, 17, 15; Griffin, 27, 20.

J. H. Taft (150) beat J. Medina (150) 250-185. Best breaks—Taft, 34, 26, 26, 20, 16; Medina, 28, 19, 17, 15.

One case of cerebro spinal fever, Chinese, was reported yesterday.

Lady Ho Tung is to present the prizes at the "St. Francis" School prize distribution.

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On a small island in the West River, close to Samshui, a tiger killed a woman on Wednesday last. Of five Chinese soldiers sent to shoot the animal three were badly mauled. When eventually killed the tiger was found to weigh two piculs, that is about 265 lbs. It is surmised that the animal came down from the hills in search of food.